(c) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 2006 are estimated at US$ 6569 million.

Development of tourist projects

†845. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to the State Governments/Union Territories for development of tourist projects during each of the last three years, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the funds released for development of tourist projects are not being fully utilized; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for ensuring the full utilisation of funds released for tourist projects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The funds released to the State Governments/Union Territories for development of tourism projects during each of the last three years, State-wise/Union Territory-wise is at Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) In order to ensure full utilization of funds released, the second instalment is released only after obtaining the utilization certificates of the first instalment from the concerned State/UT Governments. The progress of utilization of funds released is regularly monitored by the Ministry of Tourism through its domestic field offices and also in the meetings with the concerned State/UT Governments.

Statement

State-wise funds released for Tourism Projects during the last three years of Tenth Five Year Plan

Sl. No.	State/UT	Amount Released 2004-05	Amount Released 2005-06	Amount Released 2006-07
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2240.68	1700.00	795.44
2.	Assam	766.22	1698.45	1809.21

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	927.96	1655.21	1535.24
4.	Bihar	1527.71	722.49	974.59
5.	Chhattisgarh	897.93	1436.54	2225.62
6.	Goa	38.00	8.00	0.00
7.	Gujarat	111.14	1169.04	278.18
8.	Haryana	513.64	515.77	900.39
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2161.00 .	921.00	1222.13
10.	J&K	699.04	5320.31	2729.55
11.	Jharkhand	756.72	697.76	664.81
12.	Karnataka	1937.37	1001.21	600.20
13.	Kerala	1820.33	3889.90	3097.99
14.	Madhya Pradesh	942.21	2419.54	2741.80
15.	Maharashtra	925.30	1662.99	2215.98
16.	Manipur	0.00	39.84	647.48
17.	Meghalaya	807.91	4.00	1101.44
18.	Mizoram	382.38	1687.29	1987.96
19.	Nagaland	1413.40	1873.17	1484.74
20.	Orissa	1059.38	1586.44	1570.80
21.	Punjab	581.47	1150.13	1932.24
22.	Rajasthan	1375.07	2086.40	763.06
23.	Sikkim	531.33	2213.74	1021.66
24.	Tamil Nadu	705.83	3007.68	1495.87
25.	Tripura	16.00	569.43	96.01
26.	Uttaranchal	1750.73	2193.18	1170.02
27.	Uttar Pradesh	831.19	3126.03	2663.24
28.	West Bengal	407.43	792.48	1081.77
29.	Andaman & Nicobar	0.00	5.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5
30.	Chandigarh	373.60	13.70	12.00
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	25.92	0.00
32.	Delhi	511.00	17.00	1204.54
33.	Daman & Diu	0.00	. 208.61	0.00
34.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	5.60
35.	Pondicherry	360.00	375.51	0.00
	TOTAL:	27371.97	45793.76	40029.56

Note:- The includes the projects relating to Circuits, Destinations, Large Revenue Generating Projects, Rural Tourism (Software and Hardware) Projects, IT, Event, Fair and Festivals Projects.

Deficient service for tourists

846. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study conducted by the Indian Foundation of Transport Research and Training found that most of the tourists complained of deficient services and fifty to sixty per cent were indiscriminately charged;

(b) whether out of 2500 tour operators, travel agents or passenger transport firms, only 150-200 such firms in Delhi are attached to the Delhi Tourism Department or the Central Government with proper infrastructure and vehicle fleet to provide travel and tourism-related services; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The study conducted by Indian Foundation of Transport Research and Training (a private organization) is not based on scientifically collected data. In an international Passenger Survey conducted by the Ministry of Tourism 35.73% of the tourists evaluated their overall visit to India as Most Satisfying, 48.94% rated it as Satisfying, 12.05% as Average and only 3.28% rated it as disappointing.